

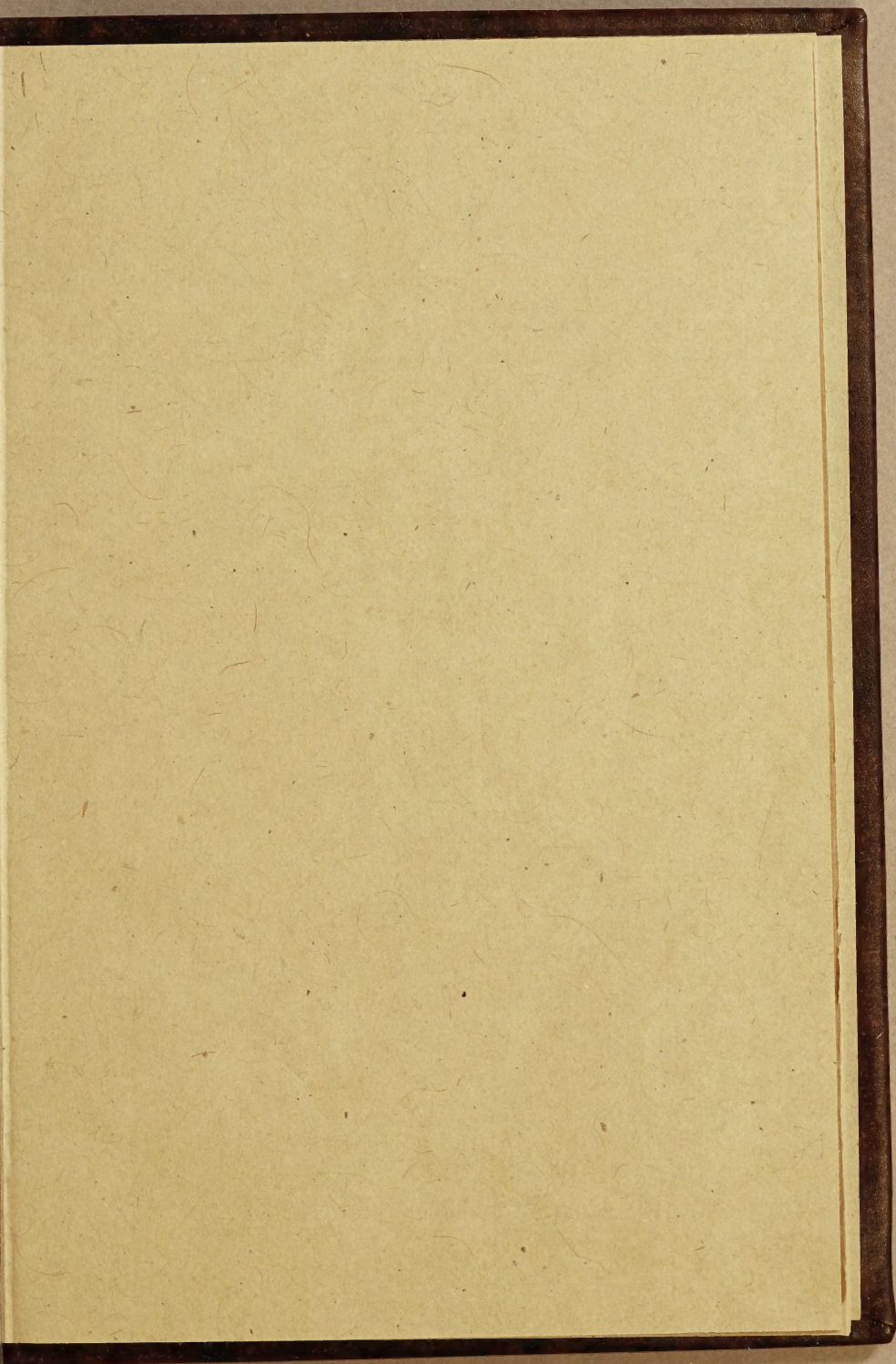




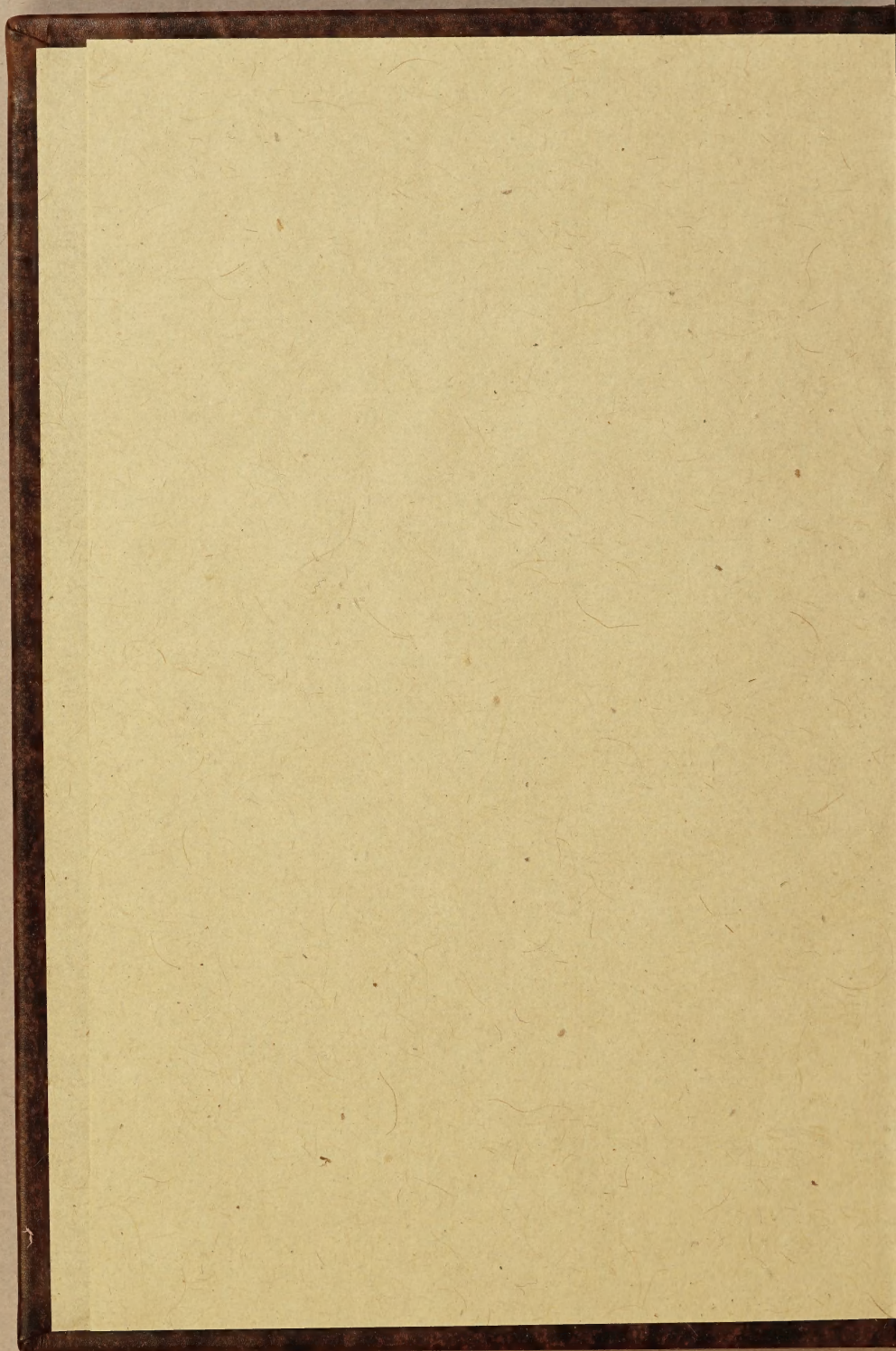
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Captain John Tosier.

Commander of His Majesties Ship the  
*HUNTER* at *JAMAICA*.

With a Narrative of his Embassy and Command in that Frigate to the Captain General and Governour of *Havannah*, to demand His Majesty of *Great Brittain*s Subjects kept Prisoners there:

The Account and manner of their Delivery, with a List of their Names, and Times of Bondage.

AS ALSO,

The Miraculous Preservation of Fifteen *English* His Majesties Subjects, cast away and remaining Eighteen Days in a Long Boat at Sea in a sad condition, taken up by the said Captain *John Tosier*.

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Printed in the Year 1679.



LETTER

FROM

Captain John Collier.

Commander of the British Ship  
HMS YTB at YAMICA.

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and Government of Jamaica, to demand the Mi-  
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Captain General and Governour of  
Havannah.*

S I R,

**I** Have received your most welcom Letters, and they came not to my hand till the 20th. Instant, because of my being at Sea: For by vertue of his Excellencies the Earl of Carlisle Captain General and Governor of *Jamaica's* order, I sailed from hence the 25th. of *January* last, (as well in Quality of Ambassador, as that of my Command) for *Havannah* to demand from the Captain General of that place His Majesties Subjects of *Great Britain*, which were kept worse Slaves then those of *Argiers*, and so often denyed to several persons of Quality, which have been sent Embassadors from time to time, with Frigats of Fifty Guns and upwards. I gave you some account of this my last; and was much troubled in order to the management of so great an affair and of a concern as that was, (but God be thanked) to the honour of my Master the King of *England*, for whose service, if I had a 1000 lives, I would sacrifice them all, I obtained that success which was not expected from me by any: For the *Spaniards* were never known to have delivered any *English* that they took in the *West Indies* before now. And thousands of people would have ventured most of their Estates against that success

which



which I brought home with me (blessed be God) for the honour of His Majesty and the *English* Nation, and the great satisfaction of my Lord and all *Jamaica*; all which has here been acknowledged for a great price of service, done not only for the present but future good, there never having been the like president before: The Particular of which short Negotiation I have here inclosed, sent you with a List of their Names, to which I refer you.

The next day after I received the Prisoners on board, It pleased God further to Crown our success by the Preservation of Captain *Joseph Graves* and 14 of his men (all His Majesties Subjects) who were in a long Boat, and had been cast away eighteen dayes before thirty Leagues to the Eastward of the *Havannah*, and expected nothing but to be utterly lost, or to be Slaves in the *Havannah* at the best. Captain *Graves* sailed hence a Month before I went out, and was bound for *London*; I believe he will come and see you, and give you thanks for my kindness to him which he owned here.

The great goodness of God is to be observed herein, for the first time I saw this man, he was Dr— and did so much abuse me, that I could hardly endure it, but I was withheld: Yet that it so happened I should be an Instrument to preserve him, you may imagine the great joy we had on Board, I for my good fortune in this undertaking; the poor Slaves for their deliverance, and Captain *Graves* with his fourteen men for their preservation in all their perils. Between them our Ship got two Names in two dayes, the first was the *Blessing of England* by the Slaves of *Havannah*, and the second the *Preservation* by the Wrackt men.

And though this Voyage is never made in less then three Months and sometimes in four: We (putting our selves to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . allowance, having 61 of his Majesties lost Subjects on Board, besides our complement of men) made our Voyage in seven weeks and three dayes. My love and kindness to — &c.

Port-Royal in Jamaica  
the 28th. of March 1679.

SIR,

I rest Your Affectionate  
Friend and Servant.

JOHN TOSIER.

On



ON the 25<sup>th</sup>. of January 1678. I Sailed from *Port. Royal* in *Jamaica* for the *Havannah*, upon the North-side of *Cuba*, with Orders to demand His Majesties Subjects that were there Prisoners. On the 11<sup>th</sup>. of February I arrived upon the Coast, where I lay off and on two dayes for a settled Weather; on the 13<sup>th</sup> I Sailed within two Miles of the *Moors* Castle, with our Courses in the Brailes, and our Top Sails a Trip, Jack, Ancient and Pendant flying, and sent in my Boat ashore with my List, and Mr. *Richard Bere* his Excellency the *Earl of Carliles* Gentleman of the Horse, who was sent my Interpreter to the Governour; as soon as they were within command, the Guard of the *Moers* Castle commanded them ashore, and put a Serjeant and Souldiers on Board them, who Guarded them up to the Governour, and left another Guard upon the Boat, that none of the men should come on Shore; I sent by them his Excellencies Letter to the Governour, and to show my Sailing Orders, and to desire his Excellencies leave to enter into, and depart out of that Port of the *Havannah* with the King of *Englands* Frigate under my Command at my pleasure, and to have my Salutes answered Gun for Gun: As soon as this was read, the Governour answered them, that all those of the Kings Subjects there, were Pirats, and therefore would deliver none; and as to my coming in, he was very willing, but he must put a Guard upon the Kings Ship; and Salutes, he could not answer so much as one Gun; and then bidding them go three times out of his house, sent them Guarded away to the Boat, and so forced them to Sea at seven a Clock at Night, and very dark upon a dangerous Coast, where they Boagged all Night, whilst I stood off and in, not thinking they would turn them out so late: The next Morning at six a Clock I took up the Boat with this answer, and at Nine sent them ashore again, with full Power and Instruction to tell him, that His Majesties Ship under my command is well Man'd, where he might be very safe and welcome if he would vouchsafe to give her his Company; and that His Majesty of *England* never spared his Powder to answer Civilities, nor received such Indignities as

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Walters or Guards on Board any of His Majesties Ships of War, which will be a strange report, when His Majesty shall come to hear of it. And to tell him further, that though I with His Majesties Frigate cannot be admitted upon Honourable Terms, that I sent him word, that his Excellency Charles Earl of Carlisle, Captain General and Governour of *Jamaica*, hath commanded me one of the Captains of His Majestie of *Great Brittain* Ships of War, attending that His Majesties Island of *Jamaica*, to desire his Excellency in the King of *England*'s Name, and in obedience to the Order of the Catholick King, all the Subjects of His most Excellent Majesty, that are detained Prisoners at the *Havannah*, that they be forthwith set at Liberty, and delivered to me, to be Transported to the Territories of the King of *England*.

With several other directions, in case of a further denial to demand a sight of their Commitment upon Record: If Pirates, to send them for *Old Spain*, and there to be Tried, and not to be kept in perpetual Slavery; relating the several Complaints made to the King and Council, of their most barbarous usage to our Nation here with the force of Authority, when at the same time we treat them with all tender kindness in the World, &c.

But before this Latter discourse was ended, the Governour caused the Prisoners to be called over in a back Court near his house, and examined some of them, one after another; who before he had done, said, though I have no order to deliver them to you, and that I may be blamed, yet take them all with you, and if there be any more, let them come forth immediately and they shall be discharged, at which Declaration, they all being 46. in number, gave such Cheer-ho, that they made the house ring, saying, God bless the Blessing of *England*, which they called our Ship; immediately I hoisted out the long Boat, and had them all on Board in less then three hours: Whereupon I set Sail the next day for the Bay of *Mettances* to Water, and so to *Port Royal*, where I arrived the 20th day of *March* following, to the great satisfaction of all men here.



*A List of all His Majesties Subjects that were Prisoners at Havannah, and received on Board His Majesties Ship the Hunter, under the Command of Captain John Tolier, lying off and on before the Harbour, on February 14. 1579. And the next day entred into Victu-  
aling at half allowance.*

	Yrs.	Mchs.		Y.	M.
1 Mr. William Winford	2	6	24 Gilbert Dike.	2	7
2 James Pung.	2	8	25 John Alexander.	2	7
3 Francis Redmsin.	5	26	John Woodcock.	2	7
4 Thomas Richardson.	5	6	27 James Hall.	2	6
5 John Evans.	6	7	23 Morris Smith.	2	6
6 Thomas Cock.	6	7	29 Henry Webber.	2	6
7 Ralph Graves.	5	6	30 William Owens.	2	6
8 Jonas Johnson.	5	6	31 Patrick Cairney.	2	6
9 Ambrose Brown.	6	3	2 Thomas Mason.	2	1
10 John Kenney.	5	6	33 John West.	2	1
11 Robert Peppin.	5	6	34 Benjamin Willis.	2	5
12 Nicholas Gunniop.	4	5	35 Nicholas Stonning.	2	5
13 Thomas Macket.	4	7	36 Cornelius Lachlon.	2	5
14 Peter Watson.	4	7	37 Thomas Loind.	1	9
15 Thomas Hall.	4	3	8 Noah Parker.	1	9
16 Richard Harris.	4	3	9 Thomas Butler.	1	9
17 John Vaughan.	3	3	40 Ambrose Rose.	1	9
18 Robert Mercum.	3	3	41 John Horn.	1	10
19 Joseph Rivers.	5	4	2 Hugh May.	1	3
20 Richard Merrington.	3	3	43 Thomas Bishop.	1	3
21 Ambrose Hensfree.	3	3	44 Thomas Maynder.	1	3
22 Robert Chiffin.	2	10	45 Thomas Rous.	1	3
23 Robert Middleton.	2	10	46 George Winch.	1	3

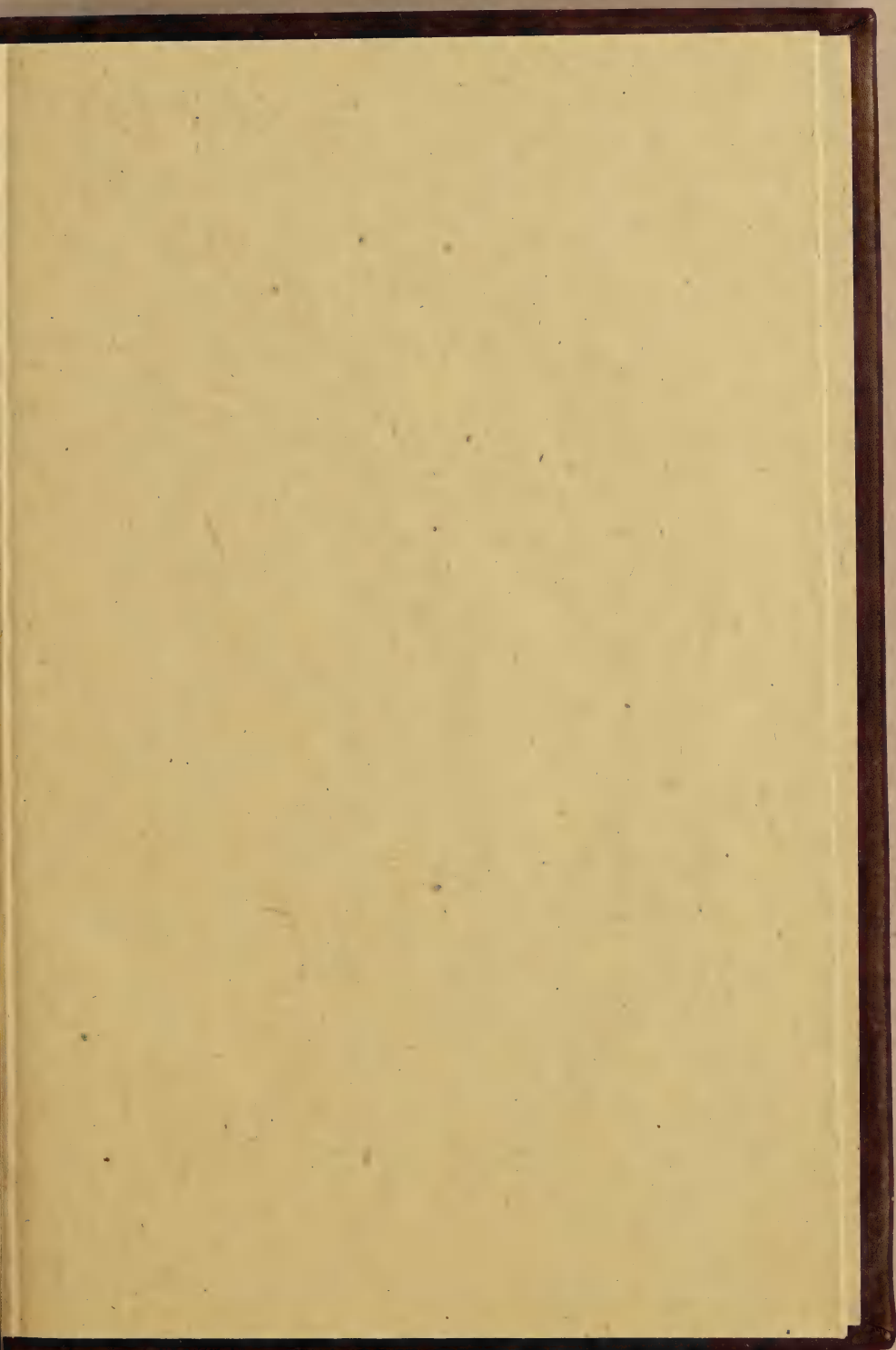
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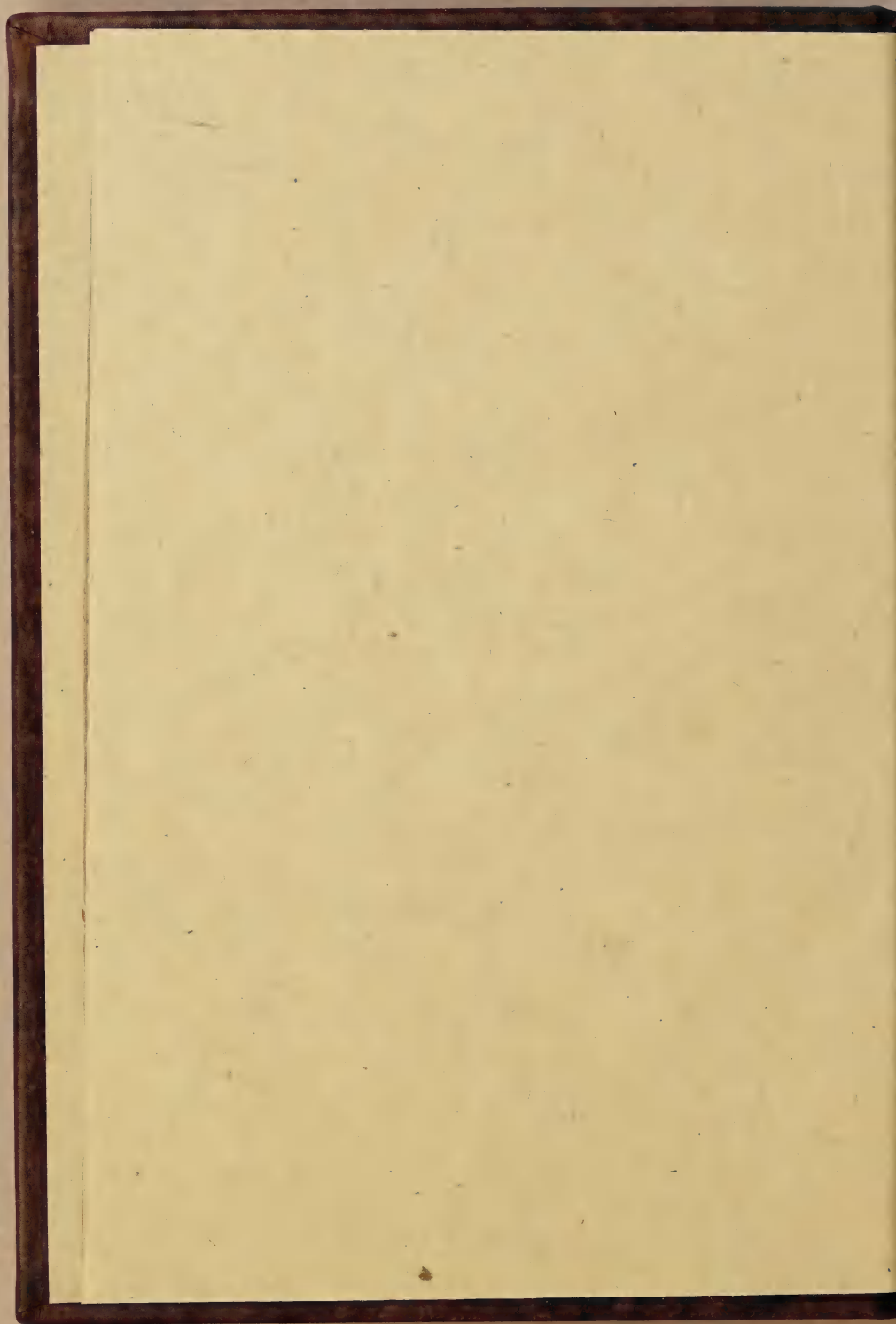
A list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1875. The names are given in alphabetical order, and the number of each name is given in the margin.

The Mayor		The Mayor	
1	Mr. William W. Wood	1	Mr. William W. Wood
2	James P. Wood	2	James P. Wood
3	James P. Wood	3	James P. Wood
4	Thomas R. Wood	4	Thomas R. Wood
5	Thomas R. Wood	5	Thomas R. Wood
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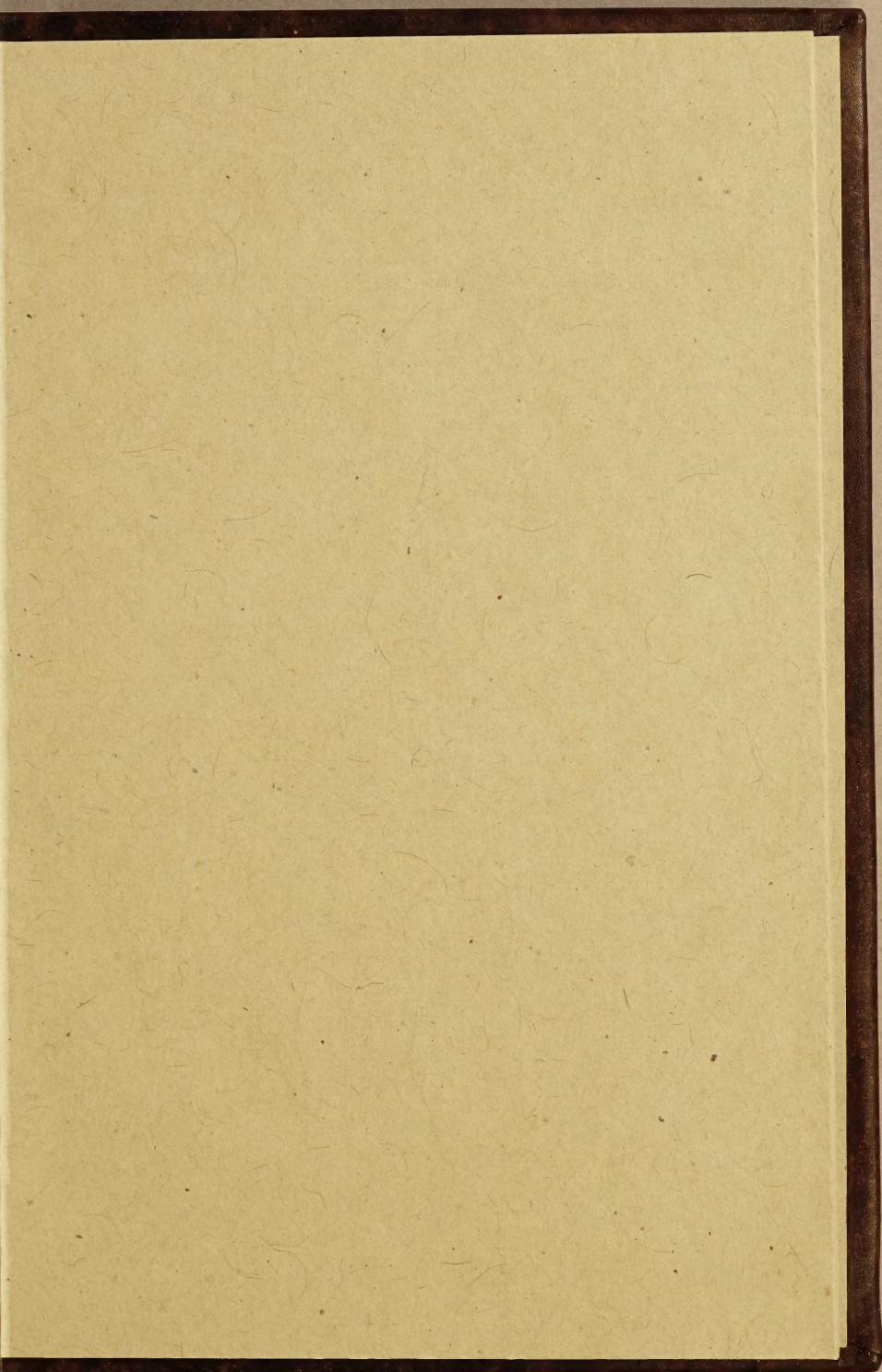




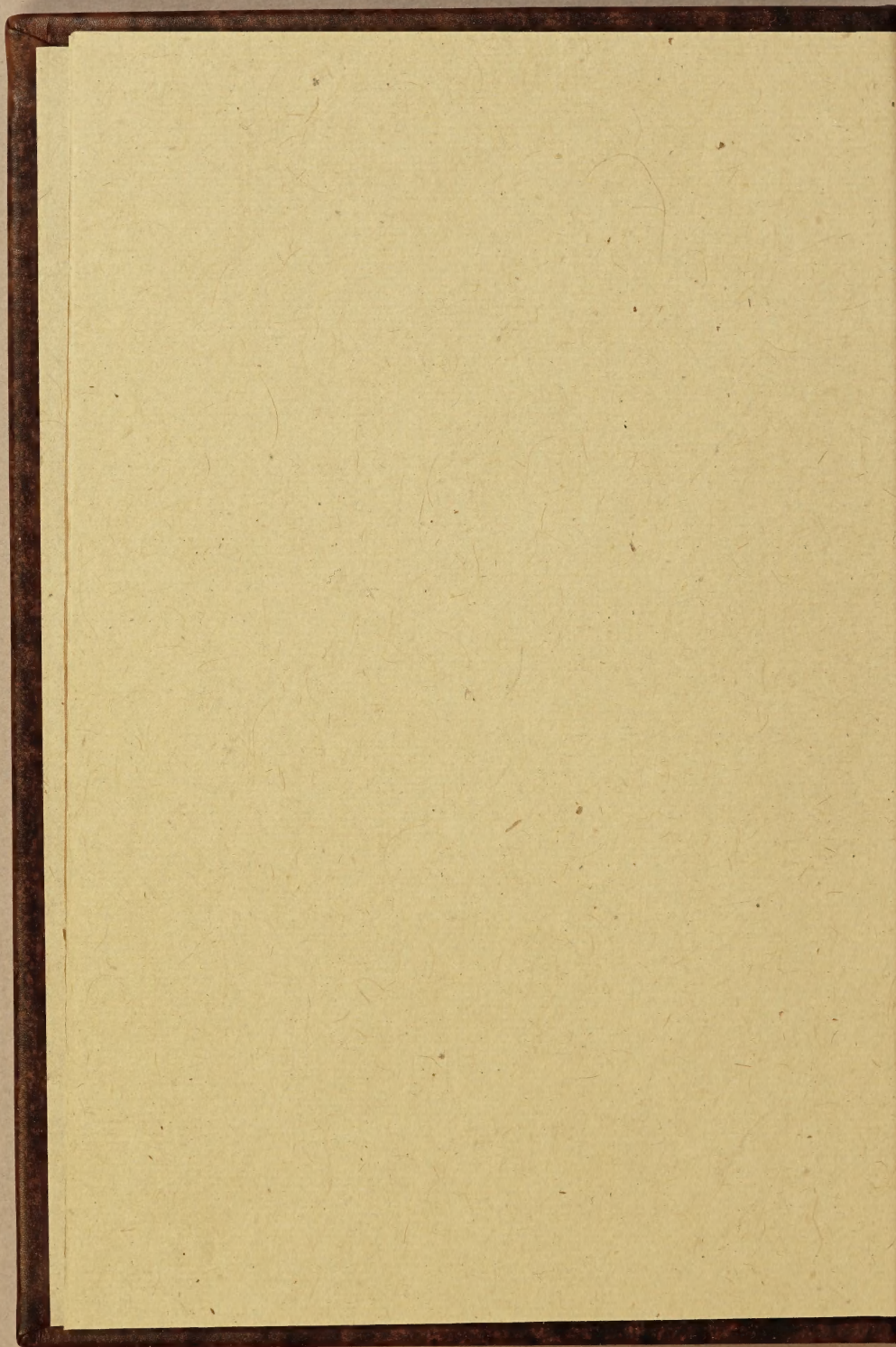












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